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FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention titled **IMPROVED PIANO HUMIDISTAT**, the specification of which

(mark one) is attached hereto.

XX was filed on September 29, 2003 as Application Serial No. 10/675,327 and with amendments through (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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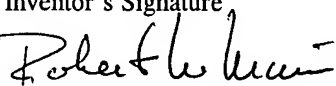
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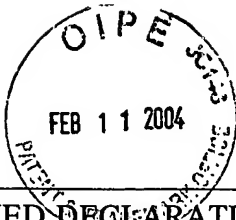
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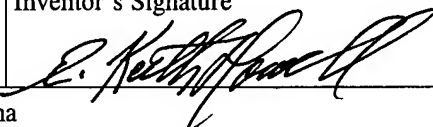
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